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DEDICATION

We wish to dedicate this third publication of the Echo to our sponsor, Mr. Carl Carnahan, in sincere appreciation of his untiring efforts to serve us during our four years of high school.

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English

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Science

Charles G. Hunt
Principal

Carl Carnahan
Math; Athletics

Vivian Vareacos
Social Science

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English; Genra Business

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Home Ec.; Physical Ed.

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Irene Temple
Grade-3

Agnes Kahler
Grade-5

Ray Crowe
Grade-7

Alva Walters
Grade-8

Clara Hofman
Grade-1

Sylvia Schute
Grade-4

Florence Hruskovick
Grade-6

SENIORS

Don Adams

Ray Austgen

Grace Baker

Pearl Boersma

Cyril Bohney

Eugene Cromer

Alice Croner

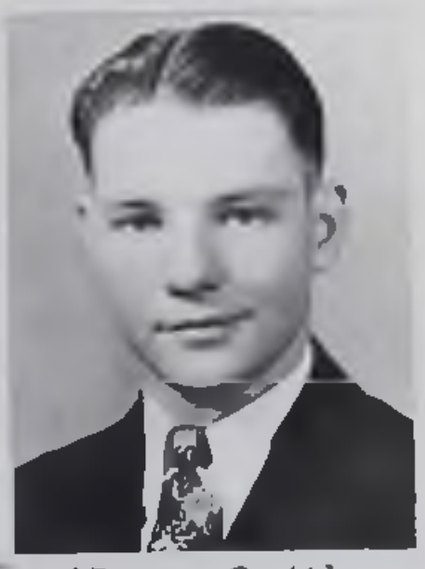
Roy DeMick

Bud Dunkelberger

Virginia Eberly

Robert Engle

Charlotte Gettler



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Leona Huseman

Yvonne Keilman

Betty Kline

William Kooistra

Joseph Lair

Howard Lee

Emmerson Manter

Arthur Miller

Edward Miller

Walter Mundell

Leona Peifer

Ruth Pickering

Phyllis Quaife

Lorraine Reichert

Margaret Reichert

Ambrose Rietman

Matilda Rietman

Esther Schaller

Pauline Schelfo

Ida May Scherer

Rita Schweitzer

Sylvester Schweitzer

Elaine Seegers

Martin Sing

Ernest Sohl

Caroline Spindler

James Thiel

Joseph Voich

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

On September 6th, 1937, sixty-six worried Freshmen enrolled at Dyer High School. When the Freshies and upper classmen were finally gathered in the assembly, we were introduced to our new principal, Charles G. Hunt.

Since none of the faculty members wished to sponsor our class, Mr. Hunt took charge of the Freshmen until Mr. Carnahan joined the faculty two weeks later. At our first class meeting the following officers were elected: Elaine Seegers, president; Jimmy Thiel, vice president; Alice Croner, secretary; Roy Keilman, treasurer. Don Adams and Yvonne Keilman were elected as representatives to the Student Council. We also chose red and white as our class colors, the American Beauty Rose as our flower, and "Aim Higher" as our motto.

During our Freshman year we took part in the baseball and basketball tournaments, the Plum Creek Review, and had two class parties. Outside of raising rumpus in Biology and giving the assembly teachers headaches, the Freshies did nothing spectacular that year. We spent our class day at Michigan City.

The following officers were elected for our Sophomore year: Howard Lee, president; Pearl Boersma, vice president; Cyril Bohney, secretary; Mildred Hoffman, treasurer. As Sophomores, we took part in the baseball and basketball class tournaments, presented a one-act comedy as our part of the Plum Creek Review. We also had two parties that year. At one of those parties we had a slight accident with a bottle of root beer and as a result the ceiling of the Home Ec. room had to be redecorated. Our class day was a happy outing at the Dunes where Howard Lee showed the class some plain and fancy swimming.

Our Junior year was one of work and financial worry in an effort to raise funds for the Prom and Banquet. The officers for that year were: Don Adams, president; Mildred Hoffman, vice president; Alice Croner, treasurer; Yvonne Keilman, secretary. The class raised money by selling candy, sponsored a show, a skating party, a dance, and co-sponsored a Christmas carnival with the Seniors. During our Junior year we also purchased our class rings and sweaters. Our contribution to the Plum Creek Review this year was a baby contest in which "Buck" Bohney played the part of a nigger baby and Ben Cromer was a little Jew. Our Prom was held at the Crystal Ballroom in the Gary Hotel, and the banquet was held at Lake Hills Country Club. We again spent our class day at Michigan City.

Forty-nine Seniors enrolled for our final year of high school. The officers elected for this year were: Bud Dunkelberger, president; Howard Lee, vice president; Leona Peifer, secretary; Pearl Boersma, treasurer. The most important activities of our senior year were: graduating, publishing of the year book, and the presentation of our class play, "Wedding Spells", a three act comedy.

SENIOR HOME EC.

Bottcm row: lcft to right Leona Huseman, Leona Peifer, Ruth Hoffman (Instructor), Grace Halfman. Middle row: Lorraine Reichert, Matilda Rietman, Esther Schaller, Mildred Hoffman. Top row: Ida May Scherer, Jeanne Howard, Rita Schweitzer and Alice Croner.

SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bottom row: left to right, Grace Halfman, Mildred Hoffman, Charlotte Gettler, Elaine Seegers. Middle row: Leona Peifer, Phyllis Quaife, Carl W. Carnahan (Sponsor), Lorraine Reichert (Captain), Leona Huseman. Top row: Rita Schweitzer, Caroline Spindler, Alice Croner and Jeanne Howard.

SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL

Kneeling in first row: Lorraine Reichert (Captain). Sitting: left to right, Rita Schweitzer, Jeanne Howard, Ida May Scherer. Third row: Caroline Spindler, Leona Peifer, Charlotte Gettler, Grace Halfman, Mildred Hoffman, Phyllis Quaife and Alice Croner.

SENIOR PLAY

Seated: left to right, Leona Peifer, Ray Austgen, Caroline Spindler, Eugene Heacock and Elaine Seegers. Standing: Don Adams, Walter Mundell, Charlotte Gettler, Jerome Hoernig, Esther Schaller, Jeanne Howard and Mildred Hoffman.

SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Seated: left to right, Eugene Cromer, Ed Miller, Bud Dunkelberger, Don Adams. Middle row: Art Miller, Joe Voich, Bill Kooistra and Coach Carl Carnahan. Top row Ernie Sohl, Homer Gettler and Cyril Bohney, Captain.

SENIOR BOYS SOFTBALL

Front row: left to right, Cyril Bohney Captain, Bud Dunkelberger. Second row: Eugene Cromer, Ed Miller, Sylvester Schweitzer. Third row: Jim Thiel, Don Adams, Ernest Sohl. Top row: Art Miller, Bob Engle, Joe Voich and Homer Gettler.

Sr. Home Ec.

Senior Play

Sr. Girls Basketball

Sr. Boys Basketball

Sr. Girls Soft Ball

Sr. Boys Soft Ball

CLASS PROPHECY

The thrill of the take-off—the plane rises higher and higher and the drone of the plane fills my brain, crowding out all thought. The past drops away. As the clouds take shape, the faces of the Class of '41 pass in review.

Look! It's the National Asparagus Convention of 1950. I see Alice Croner standing on the corner, raving to Roy DeMik, who for the past ten minutes has been trying to calm her. It seems that Alice wants to be Asparagus Queen. Roy wearily walks over to the judges' stand and deposits his vote. Final returns: Alice Croner, Asparagus Queen.

I see a face at a window. It's Elaine, still keeping her nightly vigils after ten years of married life.

Smilingly, Emmerson Manter emerges from the ring as the winner of the 1950 Golden Gloves.

It's dresses and hats by Saks 5th Avenue now, but in 1950 it's dresses and hats by Baker, the All-American designer.

Remember how cool Buck Bohney used to stay in the tightest games? You wouldn't know him now if you could see him wringing his hands and praying for his team to make another basket. Buck is coaching an undefeated Indiana U. basketball team.

I see Esther Schaller and Bette Kleine watching over a bed, two of the many maidens of mercy. Hurrah for the women in white!

My eye falls upon a large sign "Gigoloing Free". Walter Mundell, Eugene Heacock, Jerome Hoernig, and Charles Hogan have organized Dyer's first Escort Bureau, unique because no fee is charged.

In the latest edition of the Comet we find a column written by the former Lorraine Reichert, campaigning for her husband, Bud Dunkleberger. Mr. Dunkleberger is running for the office of Mayor of Schererville.

Trying to prove her point that men are as vain as women. Ida Mae Scherer has opened an "If You Aren't, We'll Make You" beauty salon for men. If you doubt her skill just look at Bob Engle, a product of Miss Scherer's work.

Because of his great success as king of the collapsible toothpick industry, Arthur Miller is able to employ the two best secretaries in Indiana, Phyllis Quaife and Pauline Schelfo.

I see a girl sitting at an easel painting a portrait. Why, it's the famous artist, Yvonne Keilman and her model is none other than Leona Huseman.

My, my! Here is Ray Austgen cooking in a prison camp. Little does Ray know that he will bake the cake that will cause the death of Adolf Hitler from acute indigestion.

The scene changes to the green campus of Wellesley College. I see a young woman with a group of girls. Yes, it's Milly Hoffman, the famous women's athletic coach.

No, times haven't changed a great deal. Bill Kooistra still drives Howard Lee around the country. The only difference is that the car is a Cadillac, now, Bill wears a uniform, and Howard sits in the back seat with the little woman.

I am dazzled by the flashing lights of a new Schererville super roller-rink. I find that I must give credit for this to the champion of all roller-skaters, Rita Schweitzer.

A cloud of dust—it's the motorcycle races. Here comes the winner. Yes, it's Jimmy Thiel, who started his career on Ed Miller's motor-scooter.

I find Cortez Schweitzer making the rounds of the schools in this country doing tricks on his famous typewriter.

CLASS PROPHECY

Look! Who is that wild-looking man in a bearskin sitting in a mountain cave? Why, Ben Cromer has carried out his threat to become a hermit.

Why, it sounds like Leona Peifer is leading a yell. Oh no, I can see her now; she is only lining up her six children for school.

Here is the 1950 edition of the Tribune, The Wake of the News is filled with records of holes-in-one made by the golf champion, Joe Voich.

With a worried wrinkle on her brow, Tillie says that she fears she has chosen the wrong career; for sewing isn't what is used to be. It takes only a few stitches to complete an outfit for the American girl of 1950.

After ten years of silence, the "Singing Lady" is back on the air. Who, but Dyer's own Ruth Pickering is filling the position.

After ten years of rapidly rising to success, Binx Gettler is now pitching those no-hit games for the Cubs.

What is Madame Grace da la Halfman doing up on that desk screaming? One of Madame's French pupils, Ambrose Rietman, Jr., put a mouse in her desk.

Standing amid a crowd of reporters, cameramen, and admirers, Caroline Spindler is declaring that she was launched upon her career as an actress the night she said the immortal words, "Papa bad, Mama spank."

I hear the pounding of a typewriter. It's Don Adams, Sports Editor of the Tribune. Two minutes to go and Don still has to write up the World Series.

We see Jean Howard and Charlotte Gettler working at two desks, side by side. They are the co-authors of several best-sellers of the day.

To my surprise, only one member remains in the famous Erection Club. This member, Martin Sing, is spending all his time designing a bigger and better CENSORED which cannot be pushed over or pulled down. This mania started on Hallowe'en night in 1940.

Smack! That noise was the hairbrush colliding with Junior's rumble-seat. Mrs. Virginia Heffner is having a little trouble with discipline.

Anchors aweigh! Yes, Ernie Sohl, disappointed in love back in 1940, joined the Navy and has been in service ever since.

Pearl Boersma is now making a name for herself by writing articles for various magazines. Miss Boersma attributes her success to her experience on the Comet staff in high school.

Why, there is Ed Miller standing outside the pearly gates. He's arguing with St. Peter. St. Peter is perfectly willing to admit Edward but he draws the line on the car.

Gabriel is having a lot of competition with Margaret Reichert in the trumpet business. Margaret is now leading her own all-girl band.

I see Kenny Hoffman sliding down Mount Rainied on a pair of skis. Funny thing, though,—he's reading a book titled "How to Ski in Ten Easy Lessons."

Up here in the clouds a mystery is solved. After listening to WJOB for ten years, I find that the velvet-voiced crooner who sings "Pepsi-Cola, roody-da-da-da, is our old classmate, Joe Lair.

As Joe sings, the vision fades and I feel the plane dropping to the earth. Once more I am in the present, wondering if I have been dreaming.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Seniors of the Class of 1941, of the City of Dyer, State of Indiana, being of sound and healthy mind, do hereby draw up this our last will and testament in the following form and manner:

FIRST—We will and bequeath to the Junior Class our drag with Mr. Hunt who has permitted us to while away many a leisure hour in the office.

SECOND—We leave to the Sophomore Class our reputation as First Class A No. 1 Brain Trusters.

THIRD—To the Freshics we leave all our happy memories and wishes that came true in dear old D. H. S.

As individuals, we will and bequeath our most prized possessions, real or imaginary, as follows:

I, Howard Lee, being in a subnormal state of mind, do will my ability to consume 10 to 12 doughnuts at one time, to Miss Husted.

I, Joe Voich, being in a calm state of mind, do will my towering heighth plus my ability to play basketball, to Bobby Long.

I, Jeanne Howard, being in a super state of mind, do leave my tiny hands and feet to Bob Miller.

I, Ernest Sohl, being in a normal state of mind, do will my ability to compose romantic love notes, to Joe Overhage.

I, Pauline Schelfo, being in a generous mood, do leave my shorthand ability to James Simms.

I, Mildred Hoffman, being in a joyful state of mind, do will my beautiful dimples to Mr. Lucas.

I, Eddie Miller, being in a perfect state of mind, do leave my job of stage technician plus official "curtain puller", to Gerry Teutemacher.

I, Grace Halfman, being in a doubtful state of mind, do bequeath my ability to "jitterbug", to Johnny Kisela.

I, Lorraine Reichert, being in a sane state of mind, do leave my luscious suntan powder to Miss Rich so she wont have to go to Florida.

I, Jimmy Thiel, generally being regarded as sane, do will by girlish voice to Sally Rasheta.

I, Joseph Lair, being in a funny state of mind, do leave to any D. H. S. high school boy the address of my beautiful girl friend back in Central Illinois.

I, Rita Schweitzer, being in a healthy state of mind, do will my ability to roller-skate (on my feet), to Mary Loveless.

I, Arthur Miller, feeling happy as usual, do will all my bright remarks (or otherwise) in English class, to Bill Schweitzer.

I, Bud Dunkleberger, being in love as usual, do leave to Bill Braithwaite my ability to keep one girl instead of changing every day.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, Emerson Manter, taking life easy as usual, do will my regularity of staying at home, to Jerry Heath.

I, Homer Gettler, feeling quite generous, do leave my ability to get along with Miss Rich, to Benny Hilbrich.

I, Jerome Hoernig, being in an uncertain state of mind, do leave my trusty Model A car, which never runs out of gas, to Don Austgen.

I, Betty Kleine, feeling quite satisfied with everything, do leave my timid nature to the Freshie girls.

I, Phyllis Quaife, being in a powerful state of mind, do will my ability to play basketball, to Dorothy Redenbough.

I, Elaine Seegers, being in a fine state of mind, do will my neat hairdress to, Marion "Fluff" Phillips.

I, Cyril Bohney, being in a jovial state of mind, do will my ability to capture the girls' hearts with no effort whatsoever, to Joey Hero.

I, Sylvester Schweitzer, being in an unknown state of mind, do leave my drag with Miss Husted and my extensive knowledge of how to work out bookkeeping problems, to Dorothy Garth.

I, Yvonne Keilman, being in a pleasant state of mind, do leave my ability to swing out a snappy tune on my slide trombone, to Bill Mantell.

I, Ray Austgen, feeling unusually happy, do will my ability to make love so well in the Senior Class plays, to Herrman Little.

I, Charles Hogan, being in a questionable state of mind, do leave to Kay Higgins my habit of annoying Mr. Hunt by asking a million and one questions in class.

I, Charlotte Gettler, being in a normal state of mind, do leave my social page of the Comet plus my beloved pen name, Brenda Starr Reporter, to Betty Lou Rinkenberger.

I, Eugene Cromer, being in a supernatural state of mind, do will my "feuding-moods" and my fiery temper, to Betty Protsman.

I, Caroline Spindler, being in a generous state of mind, do leave my ability to fill in for sick members of the Senior Class play at a moments notice, to anyone who may meet such an emergency.

I, Virginia Eberly, feeling as I never have before, do leave all of my cook books that I have studied over so carefully in order to be the perfect wife, to the Home Ec. Class.

I, Bill Kooistra, feeling happy as usual, do leave my ability to run down the high school stairs in two seconds flat, to Sylvia Hilbrich.

I, Matilda Reitman, feeling in a giggly mood, do leave my ability to sew so well, to Leona Herrman.

I, Don Adams, being in a studious state of mind, do leave my knowledge of how to mix correction fluid and finger nail polish together and get such good results, to Mr. Jack. It's much safer than some of those experiments.

I, Robert Engle, feeling as sane as usual, do leave my ability to have my hair combed just so, with every wave in place, to Richard Hanft.

I, Roy DeMik, being in a rather distressed state of mind, do leave my

books on "The Million and One Ways to Plant Asparagus," to Mr. Hunt.

I, Alice Croner, being in a respectable state of mind, do will all my pep-talks in getting the Seniors to buy Comets, to Nina Lee Arden.

I, Margaret Reichert, being in a generous state of mind, do will my ability to have my Latin lesson each day, to Robert Holsapple.

I, Walter Mundell, having the best of sanity, do leave my habit of hurrying to the office whenever I have a spare minute, to any boy in high school who may like the office girl.

I, Kenneth Hoffman, being in a sane state of mind, do will my ability to court six girls at one time, to James Ryan.

I, Leona Peifer, being in an unknown state of mind, do will my cheer-leading blouse, including its two snaps and three buttons to any future yell leader of D. H. S.

I, Martin Sing, after much thought, do entrust to Mr. Hunt my share in the DeMik-Sing-Hoffman Corporation.

I, Ida Mae Scherer, generally being regarded as sane, do will my most precious means of defense—scratching people—to anyone who sees fit to use it.

I, Esther Schaller, feeling in a comfortable state of mind, do leave my pleasing personality to Margaret McGill and Shirley Neilsen.

I, Ruth Pickering, feeling quite sane, do leave to the next year Senior class my ability to take such a nice picture.

I, Eugene Heacock, feeling as I usually do, do leave my ability to pick out a jazzy tune on the strings of my guitar, to Mr. Protsman.

I, Pearl Boersma, being in a talkative state of mind, do leave my ability to never run out of words to Avilda Howard.

I, Grace Baker, being in a sane state of mind, do leave my ability to skip from the Junior class to the Senior class in a semester, to anyone that may be particularly tired of school.

I, Leona Huseman, being in a humorous state of mind, do will my daily giggles and great sense of humor. to Mr. Jack to use in Geography class.

To Mr. Carnahan we leave memories of four happy years that were spent under his guidance.

We, the graduating class of 1941, do solemnly affirm this to be our last will and testament, sworn and sealed this twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-One.

MEMORIES OF DEAR DYER HIGH

By an Old Grad., Mrs. Alma Gettler, in an interview with Miss Leona Peifer.

In September, 1908. more than thirty-two years ago, the Dyer Public School opened its doors to the first high school class of St. John Township. Five boys and five girls registered as Freshmen—two from the town of St. John. five from Dyer and three from Hanover Township. Mr. George Hassel was the principal and the only teacher. He also taught the eighth grade. The room now occupied by the Domestic Science class served as our assembly and classroom.

Six members of our class failed to return to school in our Sophomore year, reducing our class enrollment to just three girls and one boy for the 1909-1910 school year. In this particular year Manual Training was added to the course of studies and both girls and boys were urged to register in that department.

In our Junior year two teachers were added to the faculty, Miss Anna Mae Dineen being employed as a Music Teacher and Miss Margaret Byrne as a teacher of Latin, History and Mathematics.

Then came the "Big Year." Only two of us registered as Seniors—Mr. Michael Klassen and myself. If, at any time, you have had the experience of being enrolled in a class of two, I am sure you will agree with me when I say that that means but one thing—STUDY— and lots of it, for if you fail in your assignments there is no chance to duck behind a fellow student, you just sit there and look foolish. However, our worries were probably less than those of the high school student of today—no annuals, no big banquets to provide for, our major and practically sole worry was our studies. Yet, one big problem did present itself—the selection of a class color. And so one afternoon the entire student body held a meeting to decide upon this matter. Mr. Klassen and I were permitted to name our choice of colors and we disagreed. Mike preferring Green and Gold and I made a plea for Blue and Gold. A vote taken by the entire student body showed the following results: 10 votes for Green and Gold and 11 votes for Blue and Gold; and therein lies the story of the Dyer High School colors.

One afternoon near the end of our Senior year, Mr. Klassen and I were called to the west room. When we entered our fellow students yelled "surprise". And indeed we were surprised, for there stood a large plate of cookies, a pitcher of lemonade and some jelly beans. The afternoon was spent in playing games after which the entire high school enjoyed the refreshments; and thus the first Senior Banquet of Dyer High was held.

Our Commencement was held in the basement of St. Joseph's Church at Dyer on the 27th day of May, 1912. Mr. Kennedy, in addition to presenting the diplomas, was the principal speaker of the occasion. I was selected as the valedictorian and remained a nervous wreck for years. Mr. Mike Klassen, Mr. Phillip W. Keilman, Miss Amelia Schmall and myself as a quartette rendered a number of selections, accompanied by Miss Dineen at the piano. Miss Marie Erb (Mrs. George Keilman), assumed the duties of salutatorian. Mrs. Keilman incidentally, was a junior at that time.

And from this humble beginning there arose this large and fine institution—The Dyer High School—an institution which we all love, appreciate, and justly feel so proud of today.

MODERNISMEN

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

In the autumn of the year 1938, we, as an unable group of Freshmen, organized under the supervision of Miss Husted, our class sponsor. We elected four officers: Helen Parker, president; Jerry Heath, vice president; Betty Lou Rinkenberger, secretary; Herman Little, treasurer. We chose scarlet and gray as our class colors and red carnation as the flower. Our motto has been and still is, "First consider; then venture." We had several parties during the year, and participated in the Plum Creek Review. We ended this exciting year by going on a picnic to Michigan City. Our green freshie days were over.

In our Sophomore year we elected Gerry Teutemacher, president; Bill Braithwaite, vice president; Bill Kaiser, secretary; and Joyce Ward, treasurer. The class colors, motto and flower remained the same. We presented an outstanding act in the "Plum Creek Review" and organized a "Swing Band" which was directed by Herman Little. The class again chose Michigan City as the place to spend the end-of-school trip, and so ended another year for the class of 1942.

Then arrived the year for which we had all looked forward—this, the Junior Year. Our officers are: Jerry Heath, president; Dick Engle, vice president; Betty Protsman, secretary; Betty Jane Grunewald, treasurer. We have sponsored several activities during the year which were very successful. They were: two roller skating parties, the Junior dance, candy sales, and Junior book-selling project. The social activities were: a Halloween party, a Christmas party and a Junior Class party. We bought class rings and sweaters of which we are all very proud. We have enjoyed the largest enrollment of any freshman, sophomore or junior class. In the Inter-Class Championship Basketball, the boys came in second and the girls lost in the first round. The girls' captain was Genevieve Kolling, and the boys' captain was Bill Kaiser. We plan to take both boys' and girls' championships next year. We have made arrangements for the Annual Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom to be given in honor of the Seniors of 1941.

JUNIOR CLASS

Bottom row: (left to right) A. Howard, J. Booth, R. Pfeifer, G. Baker, S. Turpin, D. Garth. M. Nurenberg, M. Schiesser, B. Miller, M. Johnson, D. Schmidt. Second row: Beulah Husted, Sponsor, D. Redenbough, S. Brophy, W. Kaiser. D. Phillips, R. Holsapple, W. Schweitzer, C. Troup, R. Rietman, K. Higgins, G. Kolling. Third row: L. Heath, B. Putrus, M. Caviness, B. Rinkenberger, D. Rasheta, M. Peipho, B. Protsman, F. Blaker, B. Grunewald, D. Stamos, M. Hughes. Fourth row: R. Fagen, M. Scheidt, M. Blaskovich, R. Engle, J. Kisela, J. Heath, J. Simms, D. Rasheta, W. Lair, Don Austgen, C. Wise. Top row: M. Rasheta, E. Jamieson, W. Braithewaite, R. Peters, J. Overhage, R. Hitzemann, P. Porter, R. Bates, E. Mackey, R. Lansing, W. Mantel, and G. Teutemacher.

Class Officers: President, J. Heath; Vice-President, R. Engle; Secretary, B. Protsman; Treasurer, B. Grunewald.

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SOPHOMORE CLASS

Bottom row: (left to right) E. Baker, M. Schelfo, B. Gildersleeve, R. Genardo. P. Stamos, P. Sabo, E. Miller, A. Putrus, A. Gildersleeve, Wilfred James, Sponsor. Second row: M. Hall, L. Keilman, W. Schweitzer, R. Hanft, J. Herman, J. Sohl, A. Hanson, E. Bratcher, M. Keilman, B. Moss, F. Kaiser, T. Harvey. Third row: T. Hausenfleck, H. Kilander, R. Seehausen, P. Gomben, R. Lindzy, J. Mundell, B. Hilbrich, E. Genens, A. Stark, M. O'Dea, W. Troup. Fourth row: L. Camper, L. Drangmeister, P. Schafer, E. Doctor, G. Walden, L. Sing, M. Halfman, N. Arden, M. Bernhardt, M. Loveless, B. Croner, L. Schilling. Top row: G. Heath M. Graves H. Graham, S. Schiesser, R. Voich. J. Davey, E. Upchurch, B. Teibel, J. Parker, H. Hoernig, R. Reiplinger.

Class Officers: President, G. Heath; Vice-President, J. Parker; Secretary, E. Upchurch; Treasurer, A. M. Stark.

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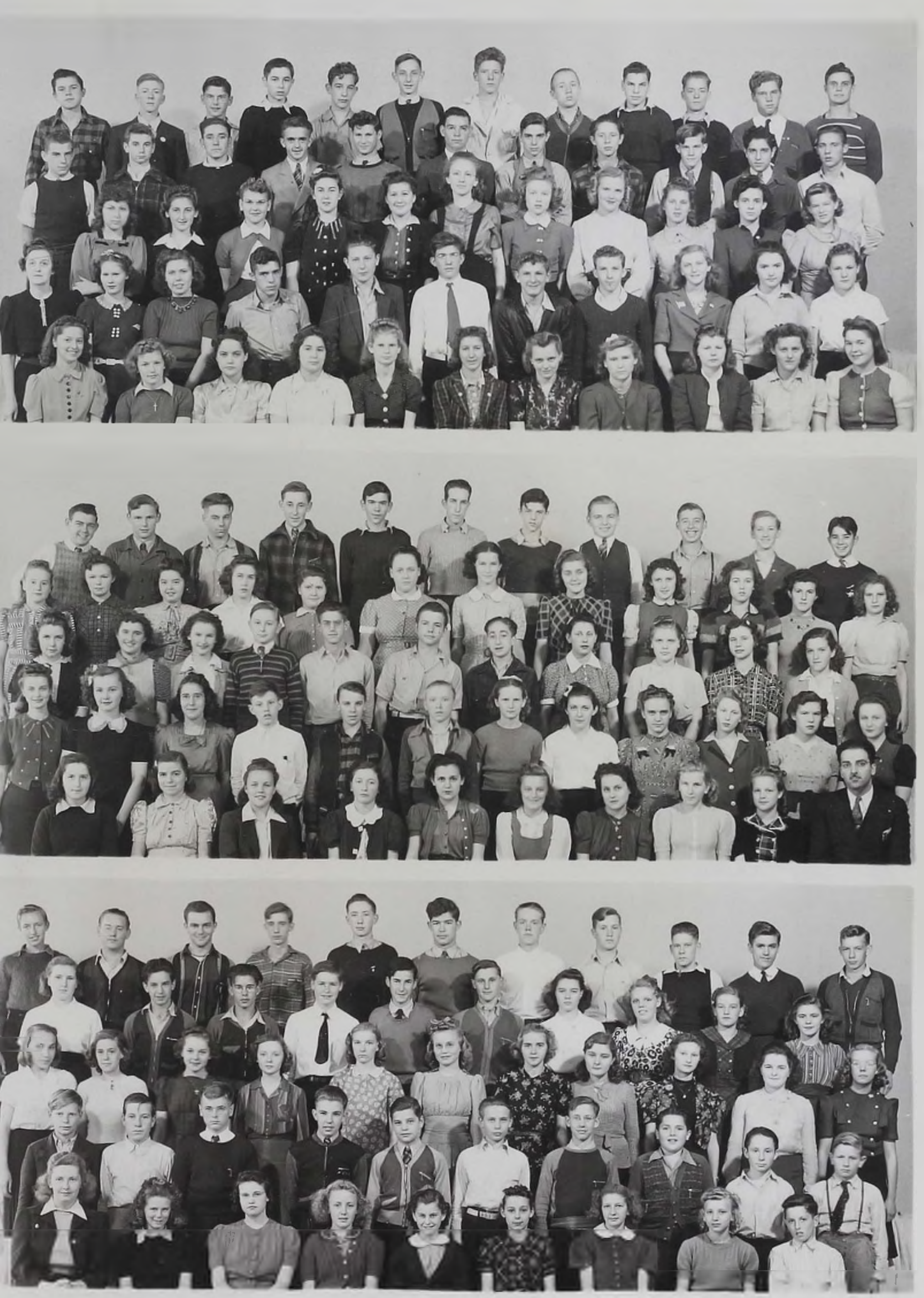
FRESHMAN CLASS

Bottom row: (left to right) Louise Rich, Sponsor; E. Fugate, G. Beck, E. Gasaway, F. Lang, I. Meyer H. Froling, C. Govert, C. Kuhn. Second row: W. DeYoung, J. Ryan, R. Dockweiler, H. Dumbsky, D. Hoffman, L. Poliquin, J. O'Dea, R. Long, E. Hogan, H. Keilman. Third row: E. Raab, E. Koepl, E. Rasheta, J. Protsman, D. Nurenberg, S. Nielsen, S. Simms, M. Phillips, M. Voyak. L. Brackett, E. Overhage. Fourth row: L. Hearne, B. Bohney, O. Horton, J. Heacock, B. Davey, A. Rietman, R. Jack, L. Burton, L. Keilman, M. McGill. Top row: J. Ashcraft, B. Greer, R. Griesmer, M. Young, J. Hilbrich, A. Hoffman. R. Brunner, R. Martin, A. Lambert, W. Adams and J. Stanton.

Class Officers: President, D. Sweet; Vice-President, S. Rasheta; Secretary, W. Adams; Treasurer, J. Hilbrich.



SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

In the fall of 1939 a group of seventy noisy, energetic freshmen entered St. John Township High School. There were many things to see, but we soon made ourselves at home. A few days after entering we had our first class meeting and elected Glen Heath, president; John Herrman, vice president; Meda Parker, secretary; Marjorie Keilman, treasurer. Mr. James was appointed class sponsor. We chose "Make the best better" for our motto, and black and gold for our class colors.

The three parties of the year were outstanding social events and enjoyed by all. For our part of the Plum Creek Review we put on three acts, "Eltoreador, Sweet Adeline Farce, and Ye Olde Junke Shoppe," which proved to be very successful. We also took part in the inter-class tournaments; the girls vs Sophomores and the boys vs Seniors. Although both teams lost, they put up a good fight. Last, but not least, to end up our freshman year, we went to Michigan City—another grand and glorious time.

During our Sophomore year there were sixty seven of us. Class officers were: Glen Heath, president; Jackson Parker, vice president; Eugene Upchurch, secretary; Anna Mae Stark, treasurer; and John Herrman, serg.-at-arms.

Two parties were arranged in the gym that year. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by all. A Home Ec. picnic at Northwood Park was also a main event. Inter-class tournaments were not so bad as far as the sophomores were concerned. Girls were victorious over the Freshmen, and battled to the finals with the Seniors. The boys lost to the Juniors by a score of 26-28. Next year, we hope, on to victory in those inter-class tournaments.

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FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

On a sunny day in September in the year 1940, sixty-five Freshmen found themselves in the enrollment of Dyer High School much to their bewilderment. They were wise beyond their years when they chose Miss Rich for their sponsor. The class officers are as follows: Dean Sweet, president; Sally Rasheta, vice president; James Hilbrich, treasurer; Bill Adams, secretary; and last but not least, Bob Greismer, serg-at-arms. Their class colors are green and gold, quite appropriate, don't you think? Their class flower a carnation.

Skating party, Christmas party, a Valentine's party—but who can blame their sponsor for wanting to give this happy-go-lucky group a merry time, for they really cheer the spirits of everyone to see them go their way so happy and carefree. How I wish I were a Freshie again. All dressed in green and gold, they looked like true champions as they entered the inter-class tournaments, but they were doomed to disappointment for the Seniors ran away with the honors. Next year they will win for they never give up.

CAN YOU IMAGINE

Jim Thiel as a Giant in a circus?
Bud Dunkleberger without Lorraine R.?
Joe Lair wandering around in the halls?
Ernie Sohl without Thelma H.?
Margaret O'Dea without a smile?
Don Adams without his Pearl?
Bob Rose not writing notes to P. K.?
Richard Hanft with his hair combed?
Elaine S. not telephoning "Wink" at noon?
Any class beating the SENIORS in a basketball game?
Tillie R. without her little giggle?
Hoernig, Hogan and Heacock not strumming their instruments at noon?
Ray Austgen not flirting with a certain blond in book-keeping?

POETRY

A skunk sat on a stump,
The skunk thunk the stump stunk,
But the stump thunk the skunk stunk.

JOKES

Doctor: And what is your trouble?
B. Cromer: O I have a great deal of trouble sleeping. I snore so loudly I wake myself up. What should I do?
Doctor: Sleep in the next room. Five Dollars, please.

Joe Lair: Back in Missouri where I come from they don't hang a man with a wooden leg.
James Heacock: Why not?
Joe Lair: They use a rope.

Bob Engle: Everything seems brighter after I've been out with you?
Margaret O'Dea: It should, you never go home until morning.

Mr. Grunewald: Say it's two o'clock. Do you think you can stay all night?
H. Gettler: I don't know I'll have to telephone home first.

Ed Jamieson: It's raining cats and dogs outside.
R. Hitzeman: How do you know?
Ed Jamieson: I just stepped in a poodle.

Doctor: The trouble with your leg is, you have water on the knee.
D. Bates: That's terrible, Doc. What do you recommend to help it?
Doctor: Try wearing pumps.

Alice Croner: If you kiss me I'll call mother.
Roy DeMik: Why not your father?
Alice C.: Oh, he isn't as deaf as mother.

C. Hogan: Pardon me, but you look like Helen Black.
G. Baker: I know it, but I don't look good in white either.

Grace H.: Did he dare to steal a kiss from you?
Leona P.: Yes, but I fixed him, I made him put it back.

Waitress: We have everything on the Menu today, Sir.
E. Heacock: So I see, how about a clean one?

ACTIVITIES

GIRL'S CLUB

The Girl's Club was organized under the supervision of Miss Rich and Mrs. Voreacos. Every girl was eligible for membership. The purpose of the club was to promote friendship and have loads of fun. Four officers and an executive board consisting of twelve girls (four Seniors, three Juniors, three Sophomores and two Freshmen) were elected. The purpose of the board was to promote general affairs. The officers and board members got their heads together and drew up a constitution. Every girl had to obey this constitution in order to remain eligible for membership. Loads of good entertainment was enjoyed by the club, such as "Skirt and Sweater Hop", "Assembly Program," "St Patrick's Dance", and "Mother-Daughter Party."

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PING PONG CLUB

The ping pong team and the school ping pong tournaments were organized and sponsored by Mr. Jack. The school tournaments are held to determine the singles and doubles champions and the five best players which will make up the school team. The singles and doubles champs are given medals. This year Glen Heath and Eugene Upchurch were doubles champs with Tom Sweet and Roy Voich runners-up. Eugene Upchurch was single champ with Roy Voich runner-up.

Mr. Jack obtained several matches with various schools. These matches were won by the Dyer team, which is exceptionally good this year. Dyer has defeated Clark and Whiting.

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THE DRAMATIC CLUB

The Dramatic Club of St. John Township High School was again under the direction of Mr. R. E. Protsman. The members elected the officers as follows: Lorraine Reichert, President; John Kisela, Vice President; Elaine Seegers, Secretary; Leona Peifer, Treasurer.

The purpose of the Dramatic Club was to help present programs for the entertainment of the public. Many of the Skits presented were written by members of the Club.

The group, made up of Juniors and Seniors, meet the first Tuesday in every month, in Room 3.

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THE ART CLASS

The Art Class, under the sponsorship of Mr. Lucas, has more than served the different departments of the school; always on hand to make posters, scenery, paint or whatever the task may be. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for their splendid cooperation and work. The painting of the baseball score board and the stage scenery for the various dramatic activities were among the outstanding projects of the class.

GIRLS CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

Front row, left to right—Shirley Brophy, President; L. Peifer, Vice President; K. Higgins, Secretary; Anna M. Stark, Treasurer. Second row: V. C. Voreacos, Sponsor; J. Howard, R. Jack, G. Simms, L. Rich, Sponsor. Top row: P. Sabo, M. O'Dea, L. Reichert, S. Hilbrich, M. Hoffman.

PING PONG

Seated: E. Upchurch, R. Voich, B. Dunkelberger. Standing: G. Heath, E. S. Jack, Sponsor; R. Bates and R. Holsapple.

DRAMATIC CLUB

Front row: R. Schweitzer, A. Croner, J. Howard, I. M. Scherer, S. Turpin, R. Pfeiffer, R. E. Protsman, Sponsor. Second row: K. Higgins, D. Stamos, C. Gettler, R. Fagen, B. Protsman, B. Putrus, G. Baker. Third row: L. Reichert, President; M. Hoffman, L. Huseman, B. Rinkenberger, E. Schaller, M. Reichert, P. Boersma. Fourth row: B. Kleine, M. Rietman, G. Halfman, E. Seegers, Secretary; L. Peifer, Treasurer; P. Quaife. Top row: E. Heacock, B. Mantel, D. Engle, C. Hogan, J. Hoernig, J. Kisela, Vice President; D. Rasheta.

SOPHOMORE HOME EC.
(Top Right)

Bottom row: L. Keilman, M. Keilman, L. Camper, M. Bernhardt, E. Doctor. Second row: W. Troup, B. Moss, H. Kilander, A. Hanson, E. Genens, Mrs. Hoffman, director. Third row: M. O'Dea, G. Walden, M. Halfman, R. Seehausen, E. Schaafsma. Fourth row: B. Croner, T. Hausenfleck, P. Schafer, E. Bratcher, M. Schelfo, P. Stamos. Top row: R. Genardo, A. Putrus, W. Schweitzer, LaVerne Dranmeister, T. Harvey, E. Miller.

COMMERCIAL CLUB
(Center Right)

Bottom row, left to right: M. Rietman, R. Pickering, Esther Schaller, M. Hoffman, J. Howard, Y. Keilman, V. Eberly. Second row: J. Herman, Beulah Husted, Sponsor; D. Garth, B. Putrus, D. Stamos, E. Dewes, R. Pfieffer, S. Turpin. Top row: K. Higgins, B. Protsman, D. Austgen, B. Engle, J. Davey, J. Overhage, W. Mundell and R. Fagen.

ART CLUB
(Lower Right)

Seated: J. Booth, M. Reichert, Pearl Boersma. Standing: M. McGill, S. Nielsen, W. A. Lucas, director.

Girls Club

Soph. Home Ec. Club

Ping Pong

Commercial Club

Dramatic Club

Art Club

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics Class enjoyed a successful and profitable 1940-1941 year. Our first project was canning and preserving of fruits and vegetables to be used in the cafeteria. Due to the use of Government Distributed Surplus Foods in our cafeteria we were able to feed many children who otherwise would not have had hot lunches. During the cafeteria season, 15 weeks from November 4 to February 28, we sold lunches and baked goods amounting to $922.28. During that time our food supplies cost $878.55. With our $43.73 profit we bought equipment consisting of dishes and trays for another project something new for our school—the serving of a ten cent lunch, the menus of which included Surplus Foods. This was a popular project as we served from 180 to 220 people every day until bad weather broke.

For our last project we made Sewing Scrap Books, wash dresses for ourselves and other articles.

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HILLBILLY BAND

At the beginning of the school year this group of boys got together and organized a Hillbilly Band.

Of this group, there are three boys still playing together, namely, Jerome Hoernig, Charles Hogan and Eugene Heacock. These three have appeared on numerous Home Talent Shows in the neighborhood and are hoping to appear on the Morris B. Sachs Amateur Hour very soon.

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COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Club was reorganized this year after a lapse of one year without this club. The following officers were elected: Jean Howard, president; Charlotte Gettler, vice president; Leona Peifer, secretary and treasurer; Miss Beulah Husted, sponsor.

Membership is restricted to students who have demonstrated their skill and ability in commercial work and as evidence of this attainment have won an award in either bookkeeping. shorthand or typing.

We invite speakers who have had business experience to attend our bi-weekly meetings and talk to the members about their experiences. Our aim is to become better acquainted with work in the business world.

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BALLROOM DANCING

Dancing has become a popular year-round activity since the purchase of the electric recording machine. During basketball season, Mr. Carnahan was very considerate in letting the boys and girls use his room for dancing during the noon hour and activity period.

After the basketball season, the music box was moved to the gym where Mrs. Hoffman conducted formal dance classes during gym periods and some noon hours.

The most popular day was the All School Dance under the supervision of Miss Rich and Mrs. Hoffman.

Several boys and girls chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and Miss Rich enjoyed a series of Rumba and Conga lessons at the Keane School of Dancing, which later they taught to the student body at school.

BAND

Front row: (left to right) V. Eberly, drum majorette; B. Teibel, drum major; Principal, C. G. Hunt. Second row: E. Doctor, Gen Kolling, W. A. Lucas, director. Third row: W. Mantel, Y. Keilman, A. Lambert, L. Hearne. Fourth row: M. Walters, M. Claussen, E. Bratcher, C. Bratcher. Fifth row: J. Frentriss, A. Croner, M. Hoffman, R. Hitzemann. Sixth row: R. Jones, R. Dockweiler, R. Holsapple, R. Engle. Seventh row: C. Quaife, asst. drummer, L. Poliquin, S. Johnson, J. Heacock, B. Dunkelberger. Eighth row: L. Greer, D. Goin, N. Lord, R. Miller. Ninth row: J. Ashcraft, O. Peterson, D. Genens, E. Rasheta. Tenth row: M. Reichert, B. Putrus, R. Lansing, D. Rasheta. Last row: R. Seberger, B. Phillips, E. Schaller and R. Martin.

Absentees: M. Askins, P. Kisela, J. Kisela, P. Hausenfleck, M. Hill, W. Anderson, L. Pettitt and B. Phillips.

The St. John Township School Band was organized in 1938 when the new music teacher, Mr. Lucas, was added to the faculty. The band consisted of about eighteen members the first year. During the second year there were still only eighteen members, but one year of experience made the band seem larger. At the beginning of the third year the band consisted of about thirty members. During this year, however, eleven new members had joined the band, thus making the total of forty-two. The band played at the home basketball games during the third year. Since its organization, the band, with the cooperation of the music department, has given three very successful programs. The one objective of the band is to have a one-hundred membership next year.

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GLEE CLUB

Bottom row: (left to right) Principal, Charles G. Hunt, B. Protsman, R. Genardo, B. Miller, G. Beck, R. Jack, A. Putrus, I. Meyer, W. A. Lucas, director. Middle row: B. Putrus, V. Eberly, M. Hughes, G. Simms. N. L. Arden, L. Hearne, K. Higgins, R. Rietman, E. Bratcher. Top row: E. Fugate, H. Froling, L. Camper, M. Reichert, M. Peipho, B. Rinkenberger, L. Burton, M. Nurenberg, and L. Brackett.

The Dyer High School Girl's Glee Club was organized three years ago under the direction of Mr. Lucas. The first year the Glee Club consisted of around eighteen members. Owing to the success of the Glee Club, thirty-eight girls joined the second year. The third year thirty girls had joined the Glee Club. The Glee Club has proven very successful. It has performed for P. T. A. meetings, Civic Club meetings and has been the main source of music for baccalaureate services. It has also contributed a large part of the work in Christmas programs and the three performances which the music department has given.

We'll fig-ht for the old gold and

blue The sons of our school who

loud

know you have won Dy-er High RAH ! RAH !

So win once again Dy-er High And

them and leave a bet-ter mem-o-ry of

dear Dy-er High

ATHLETIC LETTERMAN'S CLUB

As the result of a very successful season in basketball and baseball, the lettermen of Dyer High School approached Coach Carnahan with the idea of organizing a club that included all boys who had earned the coveted "D" in any of the sports sponsored by the school. The idea, being a good one, was immediately carried out. A meeting was called and the following officers were elected: president, Cyril Bohney; vice president, Eugene Cromer; secretary and treasurer, Bud Dunkelberger. The constitution and by-laws were drawn up and after being approved by Mr. Hunt were adopted by a hundred per cent vote of the members.

The object of the club is to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among its members; to create a sustained school and community spirit in all athletic activities; promote and award sweaters to senior athletes who have met the necessary requirements set aside in the constitution; and award letters to athletes who have met the necessary requirements.

The club is already making plans for a sports show to be held in the school gym. The show will consist of boxing and wrestling. Funds from this show will go to pay for the senior sweaters as no money from the school athletic fund can be used for this purpose. Also a dance is being planned in the near future as a means of increasing the fund for the club.

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ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

During the past year the following persons and clubs have entertained us with assembly programs.

Cortez Peters, the world's fastest operator on a portable typewriter, exhibited his skill and showed us how to tap dance on the typewriter.

Wm. Willett, a foreign missionary, related his experiences in the Indian Jungles. He brought with him many interesting articles which he displayed for the pupils to see.

Charles Berglund demonstrated the uses of liquid air for the benefit of the science students.

The Girl's Club with several freshman and sophomore boys, entertained with the following: "Home Sweet Home," "The Sewing Club Meets", and "Some Class."

Charles W. Kern, acting Dean of the South Bend College of Commerce, spoke to the advanced pupils on "Business as a Career."

The Crown Point "Hoosier Hay Shakers" demonstrated their musical ability to the school before their audition on the Morris B. Sachs Amateur Hour.

The Dramatic Club entertained with two short playlets entitled "Hans Von Smash" and "His Father's Daughter."

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Parsons dramatized the "Life of Lincoln" as a remembrance of Lincoln's Birthday.

Mr. Higgens of Eureka College was also a most welcome speaker.

The Victor Charles Puppeteers presented "Pinocchio", much to the enjoyment of the grade students.

On Armistice Day Mr. Lucas with the Glee Club and the grade and high school pupils presented a combined program which was well attended despite the bad weather.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The St. John Township Parent-Teacher's Association sponsored their annual Christmas program in the high school gymnasium December 19, 1940, and which was attended by a capacity crowd. The costumes and stage settings were extremely attractive and showed the result of much effort on the part of the director and the committees.

The program was compiled and directed by W. A. Lucas, music director, who was ably assisted by the various committees.

The program opened by the playing of chimes by Robert Teibel with scene one of "The Nativity" pageant, "Early American Call to Worship", immediately following. Scene two was entitled "Pageant of the Lineage of Christ"; scene three, "On the Way to Bethlehem"; scene four, "Shepherd Scene"; scene five, "The Wise Men"; scene six, "The Holy Night".

During the various scenes favorite Christmas hymns were sung by the Girls' Glee Club and students of the grade school.

The program was concluded by several selections by the school band after which Ole Santa paid his annual visit and distributed oranges and peanuts from a beautifully decorated tree, to the students of the St. John Township school.

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HAIL TO THE JUNIORS!

Plans are under way for two of the outstanding social events of the school year. The latest reports from Miss Husted, Junior Class sponsor and Jerry Heath, Junior Class President, are that the Seniors are in for two full evenings of entertainment.

The Junior-Senior banquet will be the first on the program by our genial hosts and will be held on Wednesday, May 7th. The seniors have already started training in anticipation of the swell meal. When it comes to eating the seniors can really hold their own. There also will be an interesting program during the evening.

On Tuesday, May 13th, will follow the annual Junior-Senior prom which is always a colorful event. The fairer sex with their dazzling evening gowns and the young men with their new suits form a perfect background for a grand evening of swing and sway.

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ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP PARENT-TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

At a regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher's Association, officers for the school year of 1940-41 were elected as follows: President, Mr. Alva Walters; Vice-President, Mrs. Irene Temple; Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Upchurch; Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Hilbrich.

The organization sponsored the annual Christmas play and hopes to arrange some very interesting programs for their future meetings.

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"Buck" Bohney

Art Hoffman

Coach Carnahan

Bob Reyslinger

"Binks" Gettler

Glen Heath

Bill Kaiser

"Bud" Dunkleberger

Bob Green

Bill Schweitzer

Ben Cromer

"Buck Teutemacher

John Hermann

Bill Bohney

BASKETBALL

The basketball season of 1940-41 is now but a page in the history book of Father Time; but the record emblazoned across the horizon by the meteoric rise of the Dyer Indians into prominence in the realm of high school sports is there to stay.

During the 1940-41 basketball season, the Dyer Indians met with a large amount of success, winning twenty-one games against stiff competition while dropping only two, thus gaining recognition as the top small-school team in the region.

As a result of this admirable showing, the Dyer Indians were crowned as Co-Champions of the Lake-Porter County Conference, sharing the title with Edison of East Gary.

Dyer started the season with a bang, winning eight straight games, as team after team met its Waterloo in the hard driving, sharp shooting tactics of the Indians. Dyer's fighting five met its first defeat of the season at the hands of the large, rugged East Gary Eagles in a heart-breaking overtime skirmish.

Dyer made a splendid showing in the annual Holiday Tournament at Crown Point, reaching the finals by virtue of hard fought victories over Crown Point and Griffith. In the Championship game, the Indians put on a thrilling last-minute rally but were finally nosed out by East Gary.

Due to their splendid sportsmanship and all-around team play in the tourney, Homer Gettler and Eugene Cromer were presented with "outstanding player" awards.

As the season wore on, the Dyer juggernaut seemed to pick up power, bowling over opponent after opponent with the relentlessness of a steam roller. The season ended in a blaze of glory, the Indians finishing up with eleven straight victories.

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BASEBALL

The Dyer Indians won their second undisputed Lake-Porter County Baseball Conference Championship last fall for the second time in as many seasons, when they battled their way through with seven victories against no defeats.

In four of these games, due to the stellar hurling of "Binks" Gettler and "Buck" Bohney, the opposition was turned back without a single hit.

The climax of the season was reached when Dyer met Calumet, both teams veiling for the honor of representing the Lake County division of the conference in the Championship play-off against Wheeler. Dyer came out on top in this hard-fought contest,, gaining the honor of meeting Wheeler in the Championship game.

The boys won the championship "hands down", Gettler pitching the fifth no-hitter of his career, while his teammates piled up a six-run score.

We, the editors of the Echo, wish to dedicate this portion of the yearbook not only to Mr. Carnahan, but to the boys who have made this year the most successful in the history of our high school's athletics. We also wish to dedicate it to those whose dreams and ambitions will continue to make for athletics a valuable place in our curriculum. Through their hours of practice and untiring efforts. they have made the name "Dyer Indians" one to be reckoned with in the realm of high school sports.

RESERVE TEAM

Left to right: Seated—Jack Sohl, Hubert Humbsky, John Herrman.
Second row: Don Austgen, Wm. Braithewaite, Mike Rasheta, Jerry Heath, Edward Jamieson, John Kisella, Wm. Kaiser, Wm. Schweitzer.
Third row: Mr. Carnahan, Bob Greer, Jack Parker, Roy Voich, Eugene Upchurch, Dean Sweet, Bob Reiplinger, Wm. Bohney, Pete Gomben.

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TRACK TEAM

Left to right: Seated—Lyle Poliquin. Marvin Hill, Joe O'Dea, James Ryan, Harold Keilman.
Second row: Hubert Dumbsky, Wm. Schweitzer, Glen Heath, Wm. Kaiser, Eugene Heacock, James Heacock, Jack Ashcraft, Ray Lindzy, Eugene Herrman, Oscar Horton, Mr. Carnahan.
Third row: Ted Donobour, Ray Austgen, Wm. Braithewaite, Bob Griesmer, Arthur Miller, Kenneth Hoffman, Mike Rasheta, Arlie Lambert, Jerome Hoernig, Dan Rasheta, Ed Miller.

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GOLF

Dean Sweet, Roy Voich, Arthur Miller, Joe Voich, Homer Gettler, Cyril Bohney, Mr. Carnahan.

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CHEER LEADERS

Charlotte Gettler, Richard Hanft, Leona Peifer.

Gerald Tuetemacher

Dyer Basketball Squad

Arthur Miller

Homer Geitler

Track Team

Edward Sohl

Eugene Cromer

Golf Team

Cyril Bohney

Bud Dunkleberger

Edward Miller

Glen Heath

Joe Voich

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE AND RECORD

Varsity

	We	They
Alumni	38	23
Fair Oaks	50	20
Beecher	39	37
Grant Park	38	27
Crete	39	18
Calumet	44	27
Edison (Gary)	44	18
Wirt	34	16
Griffith	24	22
East Gary (Overtime)	28	29
Griffith (Tourney)	31	23
Crown Point (Tourney)	30	25
East Gary (Tourney)	18	23
Wirt	48	21
Portage	48	38
Calumet	52	25
Merrillville	24	23
Edison (Gary)	36	26
St. Mary's	33	28
Merrillville	36	29
Grant Park	21	19
Crete	35	32
Wheeler	49	32
Roosevelt (Sectional)	36	47

Reserves

	We	They
Alumni	12	15
Fair Oaks	18	19
Beecher	27	7
Grant Park	9	28
Crete	19	13
Calumet	19	22
Edison	18	12
Wirt	23	16
Griffith	11	18
East Gary	27	17
Wirt	23	27
Portage	18	17
Calumet	23	11
Merrillville	8	20
Edison (Gary)	28	15
St. Mary's	20	19
Merrillville	17	18
Grant Park	18	35
Crete	18	20
Wheeler	32	7
Merrillville (Tourney)	17	19
Calumet (Tourney)	20	19

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Fresh-Soph Basketball Squad

	We	They
Merrillville	18	32
Edison (Gary)	9	11
Calumet	16	19
Merrillville	15	10
Beecher	27	15
Beecher	23	12
Crete	37	27
Calumet	33	17
Griffith	27	24

Baseball Schedule and Record

	We	They
East Gary	4	0
Calumet	3	2
Merrillville	3	0
East Gary	14	5
Calumet	12	0
Merrillville	9	0
Wheeler (Championship)	6	0

TRACK

The balmy, spring breezes sweep billowy white clouds from the azure-blue sky, the sun flirts shamelessly with the earth below, Mother Nature bursts forth in all her queenly splendor, and a young man's fancy turns to . . . the sports of the track and field.

After a moderate amount of success in past years, it is expected by Coach Carnahan that this season's aces will burn up the track.

Although no dates have been definitely set, it is expected that at least two or three dual meets will be scheduled as conditioners for the Lake-Porter County Conference Meet which will be held on May 9, 1941.

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GOLF

With the opening of the golf season "just around the corner", the Stalwarts of Dyer's crack golf team are preparing to swing into action. Several matches have already been arranged with such formidable foes as Thornton Fractional and Hammond High. Due to the splendid cooperation of the Lake Hills Golf and Country Club, all home matches will be played there.

Plans for an invitational tournament, under the sponsorship of the Dyer High School, are already under way. The matches will be held on the Lake Hills course. Several schools are expected to be represented. A team trophy will be awarded to the winning team, and ribbons will be given to the members of the second and third place teams.

As a grand finale, the Dyer team will trek to Indianapolis on May 23, 1941, where they will contend with the top teams of Indiana for the Golf Championship of Indiana.

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CHEER LEADERS

A new system was inaugurated in the choosing of cheer leaders this year and after eyeing the results we are sure that the system was an improvement. A limited number of nominees were chosen by the student body and from this select group a faculty committee was appointed to select three yell leaders. Leona Peifer, Charlotte Gettler and Richard Hanft were the choice of our learned tutors. The clowning antics of Hanft and the swell cheer leading of Charlotte and Leona kept the morale of our boys at an all-time high.

GIRLS SPORTS

The first thing that the classes of our high school did to start our athletic season was to choose captains, girls who would lead their respective classes in the best way possible. The Freshman chose as their captain Sally Rasheta, the Sophomores, Rosemary Seehausen, the Juniors, Genevieve Kolling and the Seniors, Loraine Reichert. These four girls came through with flying colors to prove to their classmates that they had chosen wisely.

The captains then held a meeting and decided that a softball tournament should be held. After many days of strenuous practice the day for the tournament dawned clear and bright, an excellent day for the all-important tournament. On Thursday, September 26th, the girls, under the able leadership of their captains, went out onto the diamond. The Seniors soundly whipped the Freshmen to the tune of 12 to 5; the Juniors defeated the Sophomores by the score of 6 to 12. This put the Juniors and Seniors in line for the final game to be played Friday afternoon, September 27th.

When the smoke of the battle had cleared away, the Seniors emerged the victors by the score of 8 to 6. This made the Senior girls 1940-41 softball champions of Dyer High School.

Now that our regular basketball season was over, the days March 6th and March 7th were chosen as the days on which the annual basketball tournament was to be held. The four captains, the same ones that had been chosen at the beginning of the year, met in the assembly on Wednesday, March 5th, during the activities hour to decide who was to play the first and second game of the tournament.

The Seniors chose the Juniors and the Sophomores chose the Freshmen. On Thursday afternoon, March 6th, at 1 o'clock, the Juniors played the Seniors with the Seniors coming out on the long end of a 30 to 11 score. After the Junior-Senior game, the Sophomores and the Freshmen held their game with the Sophomores winning by the score of 23 to 11. This put the Sophomores and Seniors in line for the final game to be played Friday night, March 7th.

Everyone in school looked forward to this game because it would decide the girls basketball championship of the school year of 1940-41. The Seniors won this game by the onesided score of 25-4. This made the Senior girls basketball champions of the year.

All in all, this was a very successful athletic season for the girls and especially for the Senior girls.

BASEBALL BANQUET

As a reward for winning the Lake-Porter Conference baseball championship for the second consecutive season, a banquet for the members of the team was held at Teibel's. The boys had their choice of steak or chicken, with the necessary side dishes to make it complete, and they really went after the meal in the same fashion that they had their opponents during the season. At the end, the squad had conquered both steak and chicken, but they admitted they had about all they could eat.

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BASKETBALL DINNER

Members of the Dyer Basketball team were the guests of Teibel's during the Crown Point tourney. In the afternoon, after Dyer's victory over Crown Point had put them in the finals against East Gary, Mr. Teibel invited the boys to a chicken or steak dinner, win or lose. Although the boys lost in the finals, their spirits were soon rekindled after the swell meal placed before them. The boys certainly appreciated the hospitality shown them.

VICTORY DINNER

Plans are under way for a victory dinner for the members of the Dyer High School basketball team. The dinner is being sponsored by the Alumni boys and according to reports the team is in for a swell dinner and a big evening of entertainment as some interesting speakers are to be on hand for the occasion.

The splendid cooperation and backing of the Alumni boys will not soon be forgotten by the team, the coach or the school. After all, that is what it takes to make a team, a school and a community. To the Alumni we again say, "thanks a million."

THE CHAMPION

Hail to the champion athlete!
  The player whose practiced hand
Darts to fulfill with speed and skill
  The keen sure brain's demand;
Who knows the joy of a perfect grace,
  Whose muscles all act as one,
Who makes each twist of a supple wrist
  A part of a play well done.

In each lithe move a purpose,
  Each touch of the ball a caress,
Each lightning spring a beautiful thing
  Performed with grace and finesse.
A leap like the spring of a tiger,
  A swallow's dart to the goal,
An effortless glide, a dodge to the side
  To act in a scoring role.

But another form of perfection
  Is the athlete's leap and dart,
Where muscles and mind of the thoroughbred kind
  Keep pace with a fighting heart.
It's found in those moves of precision,
  The timing that champions show,
The strength and nerve, the desire to serve,
  The power to do—and to know.

—H. V. PORTER

FORTUNES WHEEL

Name	Nickname	Ambition
Don Adams	Don	Asleep
Raymond Austgen	Ray	Traveling Salesman
Pearl Boersma	Pet	Private Secretary
Cyril Bohney	Buck	Happy
Eugene Cromer	Preacher	Movie Star
Alice Croner	Pumpkin	Nurse
Roy DeMik	Race-horse	Aviator
Bud Dunkleberger	Dunk	Athletic
Virginia Eberly	Ginny	Secretary
Charlotte Gettler	Brenda Starr	Secretary
Homer Gettler	Binks	Baseball Star
Grace Halfman	Gracie	No Ambition
Eugene Heacock	Gene	Civil Engineer
Jerome Hoernig	Jerry	Naval Officer
Charles Hogan	Irish	Movie Star
Kenneth Hoffman	Chuck	Aviator
Mildred Hoffman	Millie	Book-keeper
Jeanne Howard	Fidge	Nurse
Leona Huseman	Husey	Old Maid
Yvonne Kielman	Kate	Nurse
Betty Kleine	Blondie	Army Hostess
William Kooistra	Willy	Pipe Fitter
Joseph Lair	Joe	Mechanic
Howard Lee	Stoggie	Twins
Robert Engle	Ethiopia	Dish-washer
Emerson Manter	Bud	Comedian
Edward Miller	Crisco	His nickname
Arthur Miller	Frog	His nickname
Walter Mundell	Mundy	Teacher
Leona Peifer	Peif	Private Secretary
Ruth Pickering	Pinky	Missionary
Phyllis Quaife	Phyl	Nurse
Margaret Reichert	Peggy	Nurse
Lorraine Reichert	Buddy	Nurse
Matilda Reitman	Tillie	House-wife
Esther Schaller	Es	Book-keeper
Pauline Schelfo	Peggy	Stenographer
Elaine Seegars	Wink	Private Secretary
Ida Mae Scherer	Zazu Pitts	Actress
Rita Schweitzer	Beans	None in particular
Sylvester Schweitzer	Sy	Sailor
Martin Sing	Marty	Millionaire
Ernest Sohl	Ernie	Teacher
Caroline Spindler	Kelly	Artist
James Theil	Jim	President of United States
Joe Voich	Smoky	Professional Golfer
Grace Baker	Baker	Radio Star
Ambrose Rietman	Amby	Electric Welder

FORTUNES WHEEL

Name	Pet Peeve	Probable End
Don Adams	Midnight	Watchman in Alarm Clock Factory
Raymond Austgen	Evening Clothes	Office boy
Pearl Boersma	Keeping quiet	Boss' wife
Cyril Bohney	Work	Reporter
Eugene Cromer	Whiskers	Milkman
Alice Croner	Asparagus	Teacher
Roy DeMik	Halloween nights	Grease Monkey
Bud Dunkleberger	Thick Lipstick	Play-write
Virginia Eberly	Dyed hair	Trapeze artist
Charlotte Gettler	Her nickname	House-wife
Homer Gettler	Wise Guys	Bowling Champ
Grace Halfman	Army	Woman wrestler
Eugene Heacock	Women	Automobile Designer
Jerome Hoernig	Empty fountain pen	Forest Ranger
Charles Hogan	A certain girl	Ice man
Kenneth Hoffman	Calumet City	A Wolf
Mildred Hoffman	Her dimples	Cafeteria Owner
Jeanne Howard	Her Nickname	Chamber Maid
Leona Huseman	Freshman class	Second Mrs. Dionne
Yvonne Kielman	Flying Cadets	The Patient
Betty Kleine	Catty Remarks	Hotel Clerk
William Kooistra	Blonds	Bar Tender
Joseph Lair	Girls in general	Store Keeper
Howard Lee	Sober people	Bachelor
Robert Engle	Long Finger Nails	Success
Emerson Manter	Flat Tires	Shoe-shine boy
Edward Miller	His nickname	Stoker
Arthur Miller	His nickname	Success
Walter Mundell	Book-keeping	Circus Manager
Leona Peifer	Long Slips	Nurse Maid
Ruth Pickering	Her nickname	Telephone Operator
Phyllis Quaife	Shorthand	Waitress
Margaret Reichert	Hogans' Arguments	Latin Teacher
Lorraine Reichert	None	Mrs. Dunkleberger
Matilda Rietman	Teasing	Waitress
Esther Schaller	Red Finger-nails	Dancer
Pauline Schelfo	Shorthand	Boarding-house Manager
Elaine Seegars	Her nickname	Lion Tamer
Ida Mae Scherer	Red Hair	Stand-in
Rita Schweitzer	Nicknames	House-keeper
Sylvester Schweitzer	Blitzkreigs	Street Cleaner
Martin Sing	North Wind	Pauper
Ernest Sohl	Interruptions	Grocer
Caroline Spindler	Arguments	House Maid
James Theil	Tall People	Page boy
Joe Voich	Shrimps	Side Show Barker
Grace Baker	Poison Ivy	Make-up Artist
Ambrose Rietman	President	Filling Station Attendant

"THE COMET"—A Biography

In the spring of 1939, a small group of newspaper-minded students, encouraged by Mr. James, recognized a need in the rapidly-growing Dyer High School for a "School Paper".

Consequently, during the first week of the 1939-40 school year, Bob Johnson and Don Adams went to Mr. James and asked his support in the establishment of a "School Paper" and to act as adviser. Mr. James' answer to both questions was "all right". The next week was an inferno of activity. There were artists to be discovered, hidden journalistic talent to be unearthed, a sales force to be organized, and last but not least, a name for the newly born "organ of public enlightenment". A contest was held for that purpose. The "school paper" was accordingly dubbed "The Comet".

Bob Johnson was appointed Editor-in-chief with Don Adams as Associate Editor and Sports Writer, Mary Jane Lawson as Social Columnist, Rosemary Ridalyick as General News Editor, Louis Hoffman furnishing the laughs as humorist, Betty Protsman as Gossip Editor, George Thiery as Staff Artist and Printer, Yvonne Keilman, Columnist, Carl Nagel as Ad Solicitor, Mary Braithewaite, Millie Blaskovich and Charlotte Gettler as Staff Typists, and Arnold Peifer as Business Manager.

The first issue of the "Comet" went to press in September, 1939. The school year wore on and the "Comet" covered the entire program of activities from the ping-pong tourneys to the Junior-Senior Prom.

When the 1940-41 school year started, the "Comet" was already as much a part of the school program as "readin, riten and rithmetic". New members were appointed to the Staff, and the "Comet" blazed merrily along. Due to the untiring efforts of Mr. James and the entire Staff, the circulation has grown from that meager beginning of 150 copies two years ago to almost 400 copies per issue.

The platform of the "Comet" during its two years is as follows: to promote school spirit; to unify the student body and give voice to the students of our school; to give those students interested in journalism a chance to develop their talents through actual experience; to identify the Dyer High School as an important factor in the development of the youth of today.

ANNUAL STAFF

Yvonne Keilman—Literary Editor
Bob Engle—Business Manager
Don Adams—Boys Sport Editor
Rita Schweitzer—Girls Sport Editor
Bud Dunkelberger—Editor-in-chief
Leona Peifer—Assistant Editor
Carl W. Carnahan—Sponsor
Pearl Boersma—Art Editor
Jerome Hoernig—Joke Editor

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COMET STAFF

Front—Dick Engle. Seated at ends of table (left to right) Jean Booth, Pearl Boersma. First row (left to right) Wilfred James (sponsor), Bud Dunkelberger, Jeanne Howard, Don Adams, Yvonne Keilman, James Davey. Second row: Marcelline Askins, Charlotte Gettler, Glen Heath, Betty Lou Rinkenberger, Margaret O'Dea, Anna May Stark, Rosemary Seehausen, and Caroline Spindler. Top row: Dick Hanft, Harriet Claussen, Clarence Kuhn, Nina Lee Arden, Bill Adams, Lillie Heath, Dick Miterko, Avilda Howard, Alice Croner and Russel Keller.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1940-41

September—

3—School reopened with a bang. Miss Rich added to the faculty.
4—Class officers elected.
13—Baseball game with East Gary at Dyer. Gettler's first no-hitter.
17—Baseball game at Calumet.
20—Baseball game at Merrillville. Gettler's second no-hitter.
24—Baseball game at East Gary. Dyer won.
26—Senior girls won softball championship from Freshies.
27—Baseball game with Calumet at Dyer. Dyer victorious.

October—

1—Baseball game with Merrillville. Gettler's third no-hitter.
Organization of the Dramatic Club.
2—Junior's roller-skating party at Lowell.
18—Dyer won baseball championship at Merrillville against Wheeler.
24—Teachers' Convention.
25—More Teachers' Convention.
26—Senior class party. A big success.
28—Gettler, Peifer and Hanft chosen cheer-leaders for 40-41 basketball season.
29—Junior Halloween party.
30—Freshman Halloween party.
31—Downfall of three Senior boys.

November—

1—Alumni basketball game. High school won.
5—Comet straw vote for presidential election; Roosevelt won by a nose.
8—Basketball game with Beecher at Dyer.
12—Basketball game with Grant Park at Dyer.
15—Basketball game with Crete at Dyer.
16—Dramatic Club presented "Hans Von Smach" and "Her Father's Daughter".
19—Delayed Armistice program given.
20—Basketball game with Calumet there.
21—Thanksgiving day. No school (sob, sob).
27—Basketball game with Edison at Dyer.

December—

2—Senior skating party at Lowell.
3—Girl's Club organized.
4—Cortez Peters gave a typing demonstration.
6—Basketball game with Wirt at Dyer.
13—Basketball game with Griffith there.
16—Senior Christmas party.
17—The man from India and his display.
17—Skirt and Sweater Hop.
19—Christmas play.
20—Junior, Sophomore and Freshie gift exchanges.
20—School dismissed for the holidays. A two week intermission for fun.
27-28—Tournament at Crown Point.

January—

3—Basketball at Wirt.
6—Here we are again to start the new semester.
9-10—Mid-term examinations. Wow!
10—Basketball with Portage at Dyer.
16—Lake-Porter Conference 'Principals-Coaches' Banquet.
17—Basketball with Calumet at Dyer.
22—Basketball with Merrillville there.
25— Sophomore ice-skating party at Lake Hills.
27—Junior roller-skating party at Lowell.
27—Freshman ice-skating party at Lake Hills.

February—

4—Bell Telephone Demonstration.
5—Ear test given by Dr. Weiss.
6—Ray Austgen taught second-year Home Ec. girls to crochet.
7—Mr. and Mrs. Parsons presented three scenes from the life of Lincoln.
7—Basketball game with Merrillville at Dyer.
10—Freshman Valentine party.
11—Basketball with Grant Park there.
12—Daily News Photographer took pictures of the Senior Play.
12—Sophomores Valentine Party.
14—Basketball game with Crete there.
19—Boys vs Girls Quiz contest. Glen Heath won.
21—Commercial Club organized.
21—Basketball game with Wheeler there. Dyer wins Conference Championship.
23—Senior Class presented "Wedding Spells".
24—Senior graduation pictures were taken. Smile!
26—Basketball with St. Mary's. Junior dance after the game.
27-28-March 1—Sectional Tournaments held at Gary.

March—

3—Letter-Man's Club organized.
5—Dyer Band attended the Mid-winter Hobart Band Concert.
6—Semi-final class tournaments.
7—Finals of class tournaments. Champs!
18—College Day meeting at Crown Point.
19—Charles Victor Taylor presented "Pinnochio."
25—Mr. Hunt's birthday; no economics.

April—

1—April Fool's Day.
11—Good Friday—No School.
14—Easter Monday—everyone has aches—too many eggs.
16—Senior Dance.
18—Sport Show sponsored by Letter-Man's Club.
21—Victory Dinner by Alumni.
30—Junior Dance.

May—

7—Junior-Senior Banquet.
9—Lake-Porter Conference Track Meet at Merrillville.
13—Junior-Senior Prom.
16—Letter-Man's Dance.
18—Baccalaureate.
21—Commencement.
23—School dismissed.
24—State Golf Meet at Indianapolis.

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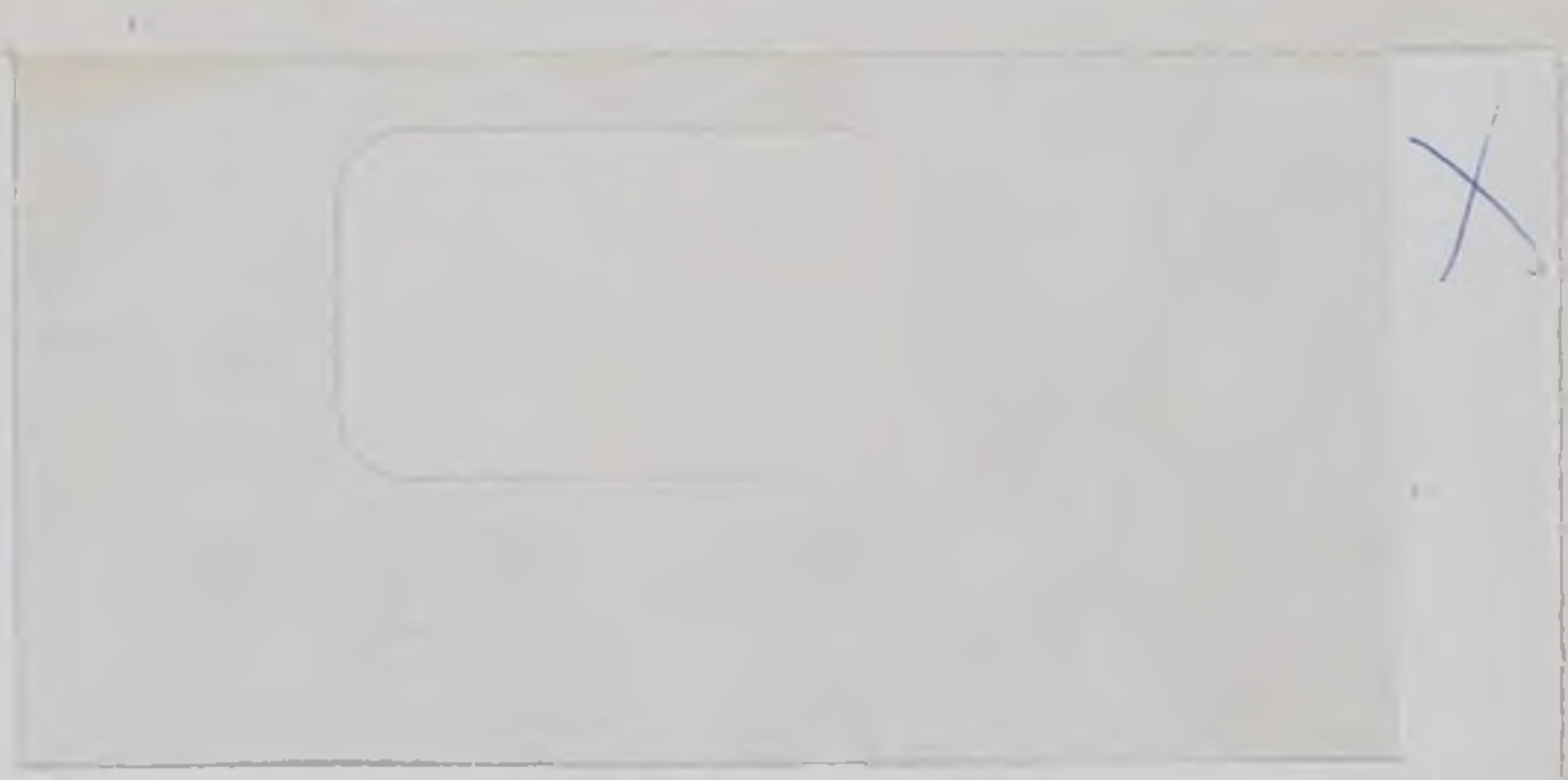

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